

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7013  
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Franklin Malin,  
Sr. of Donelson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Franklin Malin, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Charles Franklin "Charlie" Malin, Sr. was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an educator for over fifty-one years, Mr. Malin significantly impacted the lives of thousands of young Tennesseans, and he served as an inspirational leader and mentor to countless peers and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the youngest child of Charles Morgan and Nora Welborn Malin, Charles Franklin Malin was born in Livermore, Kentucky; having lost his mother to tuberculosis at the age of two, he was orphaned at the age of seven after the death of his father and was raised by his two sisters Lillian and Louise; and

WHEREAS, residing in Old Hickory, Tennessee, with his sisters, young Charlie attended DuPont Elementary School and DuPont High School, where he excelled in academics, track, and football, while also enjoying hunting, fishing, and competing as a golden gloves boxer; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, Charlie Malin married Anna Laura Freeman and graduated from Cumberland University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education; he later earned a Master of Arts in Education from George Peabody College; and

WHEREAS, having gained employment at the DuPont & Company plant at Old Hickory in 1939, Charlie Malin served as an operator at the facility until 1943, aiding the war effort with his fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, part of this nation's greatest generation, Mr. Malin joined the military in 1944 and proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot, earning his wings as a cadet in the class of 44K, checked out to operate both the P-40 Tomahawk and the P-51 Mustang; completing active duty at the end of World War II at the rank of Captain, he spent several years in the reserves at Berry Field, Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Malin's legendary career in education commenced after the end of World War II when he accepted employment in Nashville as a mathematics teacher and coach at Cavert Junior High in 1947; and

WHEREAS, upon his transfer to Hume-Fogg Technical and Vocational School in 1955, Mr. Malin educated students in the classroom and on the playing fields, serving as the Diversified Occupation Coordinator and mathematics teacher, as well as Head Coach of the basketball team and Assistant Coach for the football team; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful coach, "Coach Malin" achieved one of the most impressive win/loss records in the history of Middle Tennessee athletics and led his teams at both Cavert and Hume-Fogg to many championships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malin later returned to Cavert Junior High as Principal in 1962, before transferring and becoming the first principal of the new Wright Junior High School; after spending six years at Wright he was named Principal of Cohn High School, a position he held until his retirement from the Metropolitan Public Schools in 1978; and

WHEREAS, later that same year, Charlie Malin offered his service to the children of Tennessee when he accepted employment with the State of Tennessee at the Tennessee School for the Blind in Donelson, where he served as Coordinator of Cooperative Education; and

WHEREAS, during his five years at the School for the Blind, Mr. Malin was committed to providing "hands-on" work experience to blind youth, working with local private industry to provide realistic work experience and learning situations; he strongly believed that work was a learning experience that should not be denied to disabled children, and that such experiences fostered individual dignity and built self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, after serving with distinction for a number of years at the School for the Blind, Charles Malin was named Director of the Tennessee Regional Vocational School, now

the Tennessee Technology Center at Nashville, a post he held until his retirement from the State of Tennessee in 1998; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional leader and a pillar of the community, Charles Malin, Sr. was a past president of the Donelson Lions Club, a past president of the Nashville Interscholastic League, a four year member of the North Tennessee Private Industry Council, and a member of the Mayor's Employment and Training Resources Agency (METRA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malin was a member of the Metro Nashville Schools' Advisory Council for Vocational Education, which received a presidential citation in 1987, and he was personally nominated for the President's Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Malin always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anna Laura Freeman Malin, Charlie Malin is survived by his three sons and their spouses: Charles F. and Elizabeth Malin, David M. and Linda Malin, and Thomas D. and Mary Jane Malin, Sr.; seven grandchildren: Lisa Huddleston, Charles F. Malin, III, Thomas D. Malin, Jr., David R. Malin, Jessica C. Anderson, Emily L. Malin, and Charlotte L. Malin; and five great-grandchildren: Taylor Malin, Haylee Huddleston, Sydney Huddleston, Michael Malin, and Cotton Garvon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malin was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Morgan and Nora Welborn Malin, and his three sisters, Lillian Galbreath, Louise Denton, and Myrtle Lee Savage; and

WHEREAS, Charles Franklin Malin, Sr. was a man who truly lived a life of purpose; his service to his many students over the years will echo for generations to come, his uncommon devotion to family, community, and country served as a wonderful source of inspiration to his many friends, peers, and colleagues, and his keen sense of humor, his zest for life, and his honesty and integrity will be cherished by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malin leaves behind an indelible legacy of kindness and compassion in his public life, probity and loyalty in his private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional educator, inspirational mentor, and noble human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Franklin Malin, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, compassion for others, and stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Malin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.